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UPGRADING THE SOFTWARE

How the upgrade works

The 'MDFS/480 Software Upgrade' is, as its name implies, purely software. It will be supplied on disc together with appropriate documentation of the new features. The software normally costs £399. However, if ordered before 30th April '94 it is £299, and if ordered in conjunction with a new SJ hard disc for your MDFS it is £100.

ADDING EXTRA HARD DISC CAPACITY

Modification to the MDFS

Before you can increase the capacity of *any* MDFS, regardless of the version of software it is running, it will need to be returned to SJ Research for a hardware upgrade. The cost of this upgrade, including collection and delivery by carrier, is £199. However, the price of any new hard disc from SJ Research *includes* the cost of this modification, collection and delivery of your MDFS. Any existing drives on your MDFS will continue to work after the modification has been carried out.

The time that the MDFS will be away from you will be no more than one week.

Converting from 35Mb to 60Mb partitions

The increase in maximum capacity from 280Mb to 480Mb is achieved by increasing the partition size from 35Mb to 60Mb. The maximum number of hard disc partitions which are available to users when the file server is on line remains the same at 8 partitions. To convert an existing drive from 35Mb partitions to 60Mb partitions the data it contains must be backed up to tape, the drive reformatted and then the data restored from tape. As this is quite a lengthy process and users are often, quite rightly, nervous about reformatting a hard disc containing important data, SJ Research is offering the 35Mb to 60Mb conversion as a service. This service is only available in conjunction with the purchase of a new MDFS hard disc drive from SJ Research. The cost of converting your hard discs, including collection and delivery by carrier, is £100 if all the discs are SJ drives and £200 otherwise.

It is *not* possible to have a mixture of 35Mb and 60Mb partitions on an MDFS.

Trading in a 35Mb tape drive

Provided your hard discs are formatted to 35Mb partitions you can continue to use your 35Mb tape drive. If you move over to 60Mb partitions it will no longer be possible to use a 35Mb tape drive. However, you can trade in a working 35Mb tape drive for a 10% discount off the educational price of a new 120Mb tape drive.

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